

Appl. No. 10/035,319
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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, lines 18-25 please insert in lieu thereof the following amendment to the text regarding the related applications:

U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/999,723 XX/XXX,XXX filed on October 26, 2001 entitled "Method and Apparatus to Minimize the Effects of a Cardiac Insult", (Docket Number P9483);

U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/999,722 XX/XXX,XXX filed on October 26, 2001 entitled "Method and Apparatus to Minimize the Effects of a Cardiac Insult", (Docket Number P9669); and

U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/039,307 XX/XXX,XXX filed on October 26, 2001 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Electrically Stimulating The Nervous System to Improve Ventricular Dysfunction, Heart Failure, and Other Cardiac Conditions", (Docket Number P8969).

At page 16 in the table under "Blood Chemistry" please delete the word "Glucose" and insert in lieu thereof - - Glucose --.

In the Abstract, please amend the present Abstract as follows:

A method and apparatus to provide therapy to a patient for protecting cardiac tissue from insult is disclosed. The method comprises delivering closed loop electrical stimulation to one or more predetermined portions of a portion of excitable tissue of the spinal cord of the nervous system in a patient's body; and monitoring one or more physiologic indices of the body to determine whether the delivered therapy is effective. That is, a closed-loop feedback controller is used to apply electrical stimulation to preselected regions of the spinal cord of a patient's body based upon one or more aspects of the physiologic indices, and then the physiologic response of the patient is monitored to determine the efficacy of the stimulation.